

DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of amendments/arguments filed on 9/29/2008.
2. Claims 1-31 are presented for examination.
3. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 9/29/2008 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-31 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: As argued by the applicant's representative, the prior art of record fails to specifically teach a first and second bank note processing machines in first and second checking operations, respectively, process all of the bank notes of a deposit which were considered authentic or reject bank notes in the first checking operation, and the second checking operation excludes the bank notes of the deposit which were categorized as being false or suspicious in the first checking operation, and claim 20: a check is made as to whether there are deviations between the actual data of the deposit which were determined by the evaluation device on the basis of the checking operations of the first and/or second bank note processing machines, and the target data of the deposit which were already fixed before the carrying out of the checking operations. These limitations in conjunction with other limitations in the claimed invention were not shown by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDWYN LABAZE whose telephone number is (571)272-2395. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve Paik can be reached on (571) 272-2404. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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